



Boise

BOISE BY THE NUMBERS

POPULATION: 223,154 AVE HOUSEHOLD INCOME: \$50,323 MEDIAN RENT: \$1,350
AVE HOME LISTING PRICE: \$285,496 AVE HOME SELLING PRICE: \$283,496
YEAR INCORPORATED: 1863 COMMUTE: 0:17 PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD: 2.40
DRIVING DISTANCE TO BOISE: **



BOISE IS MANY THINGS

Urban and outdoorsy. Wild and relaxing. The Boise area is a great place to live, work and visit! Whether it's the vibrant cultural and recreational opportunities, the friendly people or the mild climate, Boise and the surrounding communities afford a quality of life second to none. Good jobs, affordable housing and a safe, clean and vibrant downtown all add up to a great place to live.

Nestled in the Treasure Valley against the majestic foothills, Boise is part of a thriving metropolitan area of over 550,000 people. Boise is the largest metropolitan area in Idaho, and also the most remote metropolitan area in the United States, fostering a "unique sense of community."

Situated where the high desert meets the western edge of the Rocky Mountains, Boise is the gateway to exceptional recreational opportunities including: world famous white-water rafting, Nordic and Alpine skiing, snowboarding, hunting, fishing, backpacking and camping. Hiking, biking and fishing are popular activities right in the metro area, accessed by miles of greenbelt along the Boise River. The foothills provide trails for hikers and bikers of all abilities.

Boise occupies a large area — 64 square miles according to the United States Census Bureau. Like all major cities, it is composed of several distinct neighborhoods.

DOWNTOWN BOISE

Downtown Boise is the cultural center of the city and home to many small businesses as well as a few mid-rises. A variety of local restaurants abound featuring locally grown products, craft beverages, and seasonal menus. Community events such as the Saturday Farmer's Market, First Thursday,

and Alive-After-Five outdoor concert series on the Grove bring large crowds to the area. The 8th Street Marketplace provides a quaint pedestrian zone lined with boutiques, local restaurants, and bars. Downtown Boise's popular attractions include Julia Davis, Ann Morrison & Catherine Albertson parks, the Idaho State Capitol, the classic Egyptian Theatre, the Boise Art Museum, and the Basque Block.

BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

To the south of downtown is Boise State University, surrounded by residential neighborhoods & businesses catering to the student population. The area is dominated by residential neighborhoods and businesses catering to the student population. The unique blue playing field at the 37,000-seat Albertsons Stadium on the BSU campus, home to the Boise State Broncos football team, is a major city landmark. The university campus is home to the Taco Bell Arena, which hosts a variety of concert and sporting events, as well as the Morrison Center, which hosts the Idaho Ballet, Broadway shows and many other cultural performances.



THE NORTH END

The North End, generally defined as the part of Boise north of State Street, contains many of the city's older homes. It is known for its tree-lined drives such as Harrison Boulevard, and for its quiet neighborhoods near the downtown area. Bicyclists and pedestrians populate the shaded streets of the North End. Boutiques and popular eateries draw many to 13th Streets' Historic Hyde Park, situated below the outdoor enthusiast's much loved Camel's Back Park.

SOUTHWEST BOISE

Southwest Boise contains sparsely populated neighborhoods built from the 1960s to the early 1980s. Many include acre-

BOISE NEIGHBORHOODS

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sized plots and the occasional farmhouse and pasture. In the 1980s, growth in the area was stunted to prevent urban sprawl. Since this has been lifted, there has been widespread growth of new homes and neighborhoods. The area lies near Interstate 84, theaters, shopping, the airport, golf and the Boise Bench area.

NORTHWEST BOISE

Northwest Boise lies against the Boise Foothills to the north, State Street to the south, the city of Eagle to the west, and downtown Boise to the east. It contains a mix of old and new neighborhoods, including Lakeharbor, which features the private Silver Lake, a reclaimed quarry. Northwest Boise has some pockets of older homes with a similar aesthetic to the North End. Downtown is minutes away, as is Veteran's Memorial Park and easy access to the Boise Greenbelt. Across the river sits the Boise Bench and to the west are the bedroom communities of Eagle, Star, and Middleton.

WARM SPRINGS AND EAST END

Warm Springs is centered on the tree-lined Warm Springs Avenue and contains some of Boise's largest and most expensive homes (many of which were erected by wealthy miners and businessmen around the turn of the 20th century; Victorian styles feature prominently). The area gets its name from the natural hot springs that flow from Boise's fault line and warm many of the homes in the area. The Natatorium public swim center is located here.



EAST BOISE AND HARRIS RANCH

The far-east end of Warm Springs was once known as Barber

Town, featuring a hotel with hot springs nestled into the foothills. It now has some new residential developments, with easy access to Highway 21, which leads to the south-central Idaho mountains, the Boise River, the Boise Foothills, and the Idaho Shakespeare Festival.

SOUTHEAST BOISE

Southeast Boise spans from Boise State University to Micron Technology – all areas between Federal Way and the Boise River. The older area just south of the University can be described as a cross between the North End and the Boise Bench. Most of Southeast Boise was developed in the last thirty years with suburban-style homes, including one of Boise's most exclusive neighborhoods, River Run, offering riverfront properties. And a newer, growing addition to this region is the popular Brown Crossing. This community is surrounded by unique neighborhoods with quaint homes. Offering some of the best restaurants in Boise, along with specialty shops, a new library and a vibrant community spirit, Brown Crossing has quickly gained attention of many families moving to the area.

BOISE BENCH

The Bench, generally bounded by Federal Way to the east, Cole Road to the west and Garden City to the north, sits on an elevation approximately 60 feet higher than downtown Boise to its northeast. Orchard Street is a major north-south thoroughfare in the neighborhood. The Bench is so named because this sudden rise, giving the appearance of a step, or bench. The Bench (or Benches, there are three actual benches in the Boise Valley) was created as an ancient shoreline to the old river channel. The Bench is home to the Boise Union Pacific Depot and older residential neighborhoods similar to those in the North End. Due south of the Bench is the Boise Airport.

WEST BOISE

West Boise is home to Boise Towne Square Mall, the largest in the state, as well as numerous restaurants, strip malls, and residential developments ranging from new subdivisions to apartment complexes. The Ada County jail and Hewlett Packard's printing division are also located here. It is

relatively the flattest section of Boise, with sweeping views of the Boise Front. West Boise also borders the city of Meridian, Idaho.



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Better Business Bureau	(208) 342 - 4649
Chamber of Commerce	(208) 472 - 5200
Boise Valley Econ Partnership	(208) 472 - 5229
Social Security	(208) 321 - 2900

CITY OF BOISE

Building Permits	(208) 384 - 3802
City Hall	(208) 384 - 4422
City Attorney	(208) 384 - 3870
City Clerk	(208) 384 - 3710
City Council	(208) 384 - 4410
Courts	(208) 287 - 7080
Human Resources	(208) 384 - 3850
Job Services	(208) 332 - 3575
Mayor	(208) 384 - 4404
Public Works Department	(208) 384 - 3901

DRIVER'S LICENSE

All driver license and identification card holders should report any change of address to DMV within 10 days.

Motor Vehicle Division	(208) 577 - 3100
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FIRE & POLICE DEPARTMENTS

All Emergencies	911
Fire Department - Non Emerg.	(208) 570 - 6500
Police Department - Non Emerg.	(208) 377 - 6790
Sheriff - Non Emergency	(208) 577 - 3000

MEDICAL REFERENCE

St. Luke's Boise Medical Center	(208) 381 - 2222
Treasure Valley Hospital	(208) 373 - 5000
Intermountain Hospital	(208) 377 - 8400
Boise Behavioral Health Hospital	(208) 327 - 0504
Veterans Medical Center	(208) 422 - 1000
Alcoholics Anonymous	(208) 344 - 6611
Poison Control	(800) 860 - 0620

PETS

Idaho Humane Society	(208) 342 - 3508
Animal Control	(208) 343 - 3166

TELEPHONE SERVICE

Cable One	(208) 375 - 8288
CenturyLink	(208) 378 - 1809
Frontier	(208) 867 - 7316
360 Wireless	(208) 384 - 0091

ELECTRICITY & GAS

Idaho Power	(208) 388 - 2323
Intermountain Gas	(208) 377 - 6840
Suburban Propane	(208) 375 - 4254

TRASH, WATER & SEWER

Sewer Complaints	(208) 608 - 7200
Trash & Recycling Collection	(208) 345 - 1266
Water	(208) 287 - 4800